MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): But there are men who are not qualified taken by the Government.

PRESIDENT: Well, if the honourable member will give a list of names of such gentlemen it will be dealt with by Government.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR: Thank you, Sir.

Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

596. ✻MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the pay-ward attached to the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, has been handed over to the department; and

(*b*) whether it is now available for the use of the public and if not the reasons for the same?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know when the Department took charge of the pay-ward?

DR. S. JOHN: About a couple of months ago.

Kattakada dispensary.

597. ✻MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorial from the people of Kattakada and the adjoining villages in the Nedumangad taluk pointing out the inconvenience and hardship caused on account of want of accommodation in the Kattakada dispensary;

(*b*) whether there was an offer to collect funds by public subscription and to hand it over to Government to put up a new building for the dispensary there; and

(*c*) whether the Surgeon-General or any officer took any step to meet the people of this locality or the memorialists to make further arrangements on the matter?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) & (*b*). The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) Yes. The District Medical Officer, Nagercoil, met Mr. P. K. Madhavan Pillai, President of the Co-operative Society No. 1103 and some other prominent persons in the locality. They have promised to put up a dispensary building at their cost and hand it over, together with the site, to Government free of cost. The site chosen by them is in the same Pakuthy (Kulathummel) in which Kattakada also is situated, but is about a mile away from the Kattakada junction.

As there are temporary Malaria Dispensaries at Chemboor, Kattakada, Aryanad, Vellanad and Kunnathukal and petitions have been received from the public of all these places for making the dispensaries permanent the acceptance of the offer made by the people will be considered later on in consultation with the Medical Advisory Committee.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: In answer to part (*c*) it is stated "the sites chosen by them are in the same pakuthy (Kulathummel) in which Kattakada is also situated, but is about a mile away from the Kattakada junction." May I know from the honourable member whether there was any offer from the people of Kattakada to build the Dispensary at the Kattakada junction?

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DR. S. JOHN: I would not recommend a dispensary at Kattakada junction when there is another hospital—I mean the Salvation Army one near by—it is better our Dispensary is a mile away.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Where is the present Kattakada Dispensary situated?

DR. S. JOHN: A mile away from the Salvation Army Hospital.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Did not the applicants offer to build a new dispensary near the present dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, but I do not approve that.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the reason why? At present you have got only a dispensary there.

DR. S. JOHN: Because there is no other dispensary building there at present. The one already in existence is only like a Tea shop.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it not because there is no good hospital in that locality at present that the people have offered further facilities?

DR. S. JOHN: I agree.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know when it was that those L. M. S. Salvation Army Hospitals came into existence in that locality?

DR. S. JOHN: They were in existence there for a long time.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Had not the new Dispensary been started when other hospitals were existence in that locality?

DR. S. JOHN: It so happened that it was located there, but I do not agree to the new permanent hospital being put up there.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the reason why he has arrived at an opinion contrary to his predecessors?

DR. S. JOHN: I myself went and saw the building and I found that the number of persons who went to the Kattakada dispensary was far, far lower than in the case of the other dispensaries. There is no fun in having two or three dispensaries in the same locality.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any answer was furnished on the floor of the House last session that the average attendance in that hospital was high.

DR. S. JOHN: Yes. That was when the malaria epidemic was high.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know the average number of attendance in the hospital last month?

DR. S. JOHN: I am sure the average number is far lower in the last month than in the malaria epidemic period.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: But does it not go to show that the dispensary is necessary at that place?

DR. S. JOHN: In fact on principle every where in Travancore, for every two or three miles, there should be a dispensary.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: That is why I ask what necessity there is for shifting the dispensary from that locality.

DR. S. JOHN: As I said, the distance from the Salvation Army hospital to Kattakada junction is only about a mile. It will be advantageous to the people to have a dispensary a mile further away.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want an answer from the Surgeon General: Will it not be more useful to go in for a new hospital in some interior place like Kallikadu or Nedumangad?

DR. S. JOHN: I agree.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Then why not the two dispensaries stand in that locality, one at Kallikadu and one at Kattakada?

DR. S. JOHN: There is a temporary dispensary now at Kallikadu also.

Opening of a dispensary at Vadakkekara.

598. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were not representations from the people of Vadakkekara in the Parur taluk for a dispensary there;

(*b*) whether the Government actually promised to give them a dispensary some years back; and

(*c*) if so, what the delay is due to?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A dispensary was opened at Vadakkekara with effect from the 1st Thulam 1121.

(*c*) In view to the answer to part (b), this does not arise.

Dispensary in Parakadavu pakuthi in Parur Taluk.

599. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations for starting a dispensary in Parakadavu pakuthi in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) if so what action was taken in that matter?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Since two dispensaries have been sanctioned for Parur taluk this year one at Vadakkekara and the other at Puthenchira and as the former has already been opened it has been decided that the question of opening a dispensary at Parakadavu will wait. The petitioner has been informed of this decision.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member be pleased to state whether he received a report as to the urgent necessity of a dispensary from the doctor at Parur?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Then will he be pleased to start a dispensary there atleast in the early half of 1122?

DR. S. JOHN: I have already opened one dispensary at Vadakkekara in Parur taluk. Another dispensary has been sanctioned by the Government and as soon as things are ready it will be done. I do not understand how three dispensaries could be put up all at once.

Collection of Paddy.

600. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints against some Proverthicars or other officers alleging corruption and malpractice in the collection of paddy for Government;

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